

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
February 22, 2016

President Hedger opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Lehane, Mr. Lenihan, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Perin, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell, Mr. Tolliver motioned to excuse Ms. Newsom and Mr. Tassell. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2016 City Council Meeting. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests – None

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee

January 2016 Auditor's and Treasurer's Report

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the January 2016 Auditor's and Treasurer's Report. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance 2016-06 Appropriation Ordinance – An Ordinance To Make Appropriation For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Deer Park, State Of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2016 (second reading)

Mr. Tolliver asked the Clerk to read Ordinance 2016-06. So read. Mr. Tolliver motioned to move Ordinance 2016-06 to the third reading on March 14, 2016 and was seconded by Mr. Perin. Mr. Lehane – yes, Mr. Lenihan – yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried.

Student Government Night Council Meeting

Student Government Night is scheduled for March 14. President Hedger stated that students are slowly signing up to participate as they are checking their schedules for other commitments that evening. President Hedger talked to Mark of Cream of Caffeine and he is putting together a menu within our budget for the dinner that will take place before the meeting.

Sexually Oriented Business Ordinance

Mr. Helmes spoke about concern from Ms. Newsom as to whether or not a sexually oriented business could come to Deer Park with news of a “swinger’s club” in West Chester. The law states that it must be in a mixed use business district and 1000 feet away from libraries, schools, churches and bars. Here in Deer Park there isn’t much space to accommodate this. Mr. Helmes suggested that there is no clear definition from the state and stated that Mr. Tassell would like to look into this upon his return at the Committee Meeting in March. It’s certainly worth looking into to make our laws stricter to be in compliance with the state. There is currently no indication that anyone with this kind of business is trying to set up a new business here in the city.

Safety Committee

Fire Board Meeting

Mr. Berens announced that the newest Fire Board member is business owner Don Kincade from Silverton. Current bylaws are being reviewed as they haven’t been changed in a while. The department is concentrating on expanding recruitment to have more people apply to create a more diverse staff.

There is presently some concern about the separation of Deer Park and Silverton members due to possible racial tension, though they've always worked well together in the past. Mr. Berens is going to start distributing minutes from these meetings to city council to keep all aware and up to date.

Collapsed Catch Basin

Mr. Lenihan received a call from a resident concerned about a collapsed catch basin near Clifford and Irwin. Mr. Berens will look into this matter tomorrow.

Public Works Committee

Winter Operations

Mr. Berens announced that we have lots of salt left and 180 tons still to buy. We are in good shape for next year and we can store most of the supply. Many compliments have been received from residents regarding the great job of our salt crew.

Report of Special Committees / Boards

Infrastructure Committee – None

Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far – None

New Business – None

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – None

Reports from other City Officials

Treasurer – None

Law Director – Mr. Helmes suggested that everyone keep their vehicles locked. There is someone going around stealing change from cars on Orchard lane and other cities around the area. President Hedger credited the Deer Park Police as they always stop and talk to people out walking late at night and this may deter bigger thefts from happening.

Auditor – Mr. Applegate announced that the auditors have started their annual audit and will be here for a few days.

Safety Service Director – Mr. Berens stated that while the auditors are here, they also check to see who has completed Sunshine Law/Public Records Training. It is required that everyone complete it once during each term. Online or in person classes are available. Please take a look at the email that Mr. Berens sent just before tonight's meeting for information about enrollment.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Donnellon announced that Gary Baines of 4145 E Galbraith Road was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals from 1/1/2016 – 12/31/2020. Andy Dean of 4430 Duneden Avenue was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission from 1/1/2016 – 12/31/2020. Sheena Johnson of 659 Regent Road is our new full time Tax Clerk with an hourly rate of \$16.07 per hour.

Adjournment

Mr. Perin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Tolliver. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Christine Hedger
President of Council

Joanie Perin
Clerk of Council